

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7-11 and 28-31 are pending in the present application. Claims 5, 8 and 28 have been amended, leaving Claims 1-5, 7-11 and 28-31 for consideration upon entry of the present Amendment.

As a preliminary note, Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of the allowability of claims 1, 3-4, 6-7, and 14.

Claim 5 has been amended to simplify the issues in the case and without prejudice to the subject matter contained therein. Support for the amendment to claim 5 can be found in the Specification in paragraph 11.

Claims 8 and 28 have been amended to simplify the issues in the case and without prejudice to the subject matter contained therein. Support for the amendment to claims 8 and 28 can be found in the Specification in paragraph 17.

No new matter has been introduced by these amendments. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

It is believed that the foregoing amendments and remarks fully comply with the Office Action and that the claims herein should now be allowable to Applicants. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance is requested.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130

Respectfully submitted,

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